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In re Application of

YAMADA et al.

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For: AUDIO SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

Commissioner for Patents

April 5, 2001

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 5, 2000, having been duly extended from March 5, 2001 until April 5, 2001 by the attached petition for extension of time, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following claim:

1. (Added) An audio signal processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the input audio signal comprises an analog signal, the analog signal is converted into a digital signal, a signal level changing period of the digital signal is detected, and a plurality of level changing periods are automatically counted so as to automatically measure a BPM of the input audio signal.